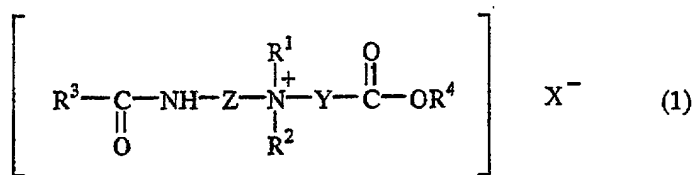


## ABSTRACTS

Provided is a deodorant having excellent masking and deodorizing effects of scalp odor, body odor and foot odor. This deodorant comprises a betaine ester represented by the following formula (1):



[wherein,  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched  $\text{C}_{1-36}$  alkyl or alkenyl group, Y represents a linear or branched  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkylene group, Z represents a group represented by  $-\text{R}^5(\text{OA})_n-$  (in which,  $\text{R}^5$  represents a linear or branched  $\text{C}_{1-36}$  alkylene group, A represents a linear or branched  $\text{C}_{2-4}$  alkylene group and n stands for 0 to 10),  $\text{R}^4$  represents a residue left after removal of one OH from an alcohol compound having, in the molecule thereof, at least one hydroxyl group, and  $\text{X}^-$  represents an anion].